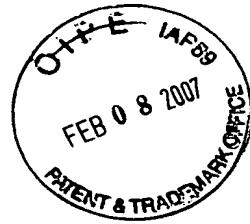


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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006 and Advisory Action of December 20, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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